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SUBJ: KOREA IN 29TH UNGA VOTE ASSESSMENT

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1. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED REPS OF ROK, UK, AND JAPAN MET AT USUN 3 OCT TO COMPARE NOTES AND MAKE PRELIMINARY VOTE ESTIMATE ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UN. ESTIMATE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT FRIENDLY ITEM WOULD HAVE VOTING PRIORITY IN UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE. ESTIMATE WILL BE USED WHEN DISCUSSING LOBBYING ASSIGNMENTS AT FULL WORKING GROUP MEETING OCT 4; DEPT AND SEOUL MAY FIND USUN TENTATIVE ESTIMATE USEFUL. ASSUME UK, JAPAN AND ROK WILL REPORT NEARLY IDENTICAL VOTE ASSESSMENT.

2. USUN COUNTS 45 FIRM VOTES IN FAVOR OF FIRENDLY RES (COUNT INCLUDES KHMER REPULBIC AND SOUTH AFRICA) PLUS 4 VOTES WHICH COULD GO TO ABSTENTION GIVING TOTAL OF 49 OTHER SIDE APPEARS TO HAVE 37 FIRM VOTES AGAINST, PLUS FOUR WHICH COULD SHIFT TO ABSTENTION GIVING TOTAL OF 41. PRESENTLY COUNT TOTAL 46 ABSTENTIONS, 13 OF WHICH COULD SHIFT IN FAVOR OF FREINDLY RES; 8 ABSTENTIONS WHICH COULD SHIFT
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TO VOTE AGAINST; 25 DELEGATIONS APPEAR TO BE RATHER SOLID

ABSTENTIONS.

3. FIRM VOTES IN FAVOR OF FREINDLY RES: BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, CAR, GABON, GAMBIA, IVORY COAST, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, MALAWI, SWAZILAND, MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA, TUNISIA, BELGIUM, FRG, IRELAND, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NEHTERLANDS, SPAIN, TURKEY, UK, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ISRAEL, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA, US, FIJI, JAPAN, KHMER REPUBLIC, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND.

4. FRIENDLY VOTES WHICH COULD GO FOR ABSTENTION: GRENADA, DNEMARK, ICELAND, IRAN.

5. FIRM VOTES AGAINST FRIENDLY RES: CUBA, BURUNDI, CONGO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GUINEA, GUINEA BISSAU, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, TANZANIA, TOGO, UGANDA, ZAMBIA, ALBANIA, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR, HUNGARY, POLAND, ROMANIA, UKRAINIAN SSR, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA, ALGERIA, EGYPT, IRAQ, LIBYA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, SUDAN, SYRIA, YEMEN, MALTA, CHINA, MONGOLIA.

6. VOTES AGAINST WHICH COULD GO FOR ABSTENTION: DAHOMEY, NIGERIA, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE.

FIRM ABSTENTIONS: ARGENTIAN, JAMAICA, MEXICO, TRINIDAD TOBAGO, CHAD, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, BAHRAIN, JORDAN, LEBANON, UAE, AUSTRIA, CYPRUS, FINLAND, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, BHUTAN, BURMAN, INDIA, INDONESIA, LAOS, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA.

8. ABSTENTIONS WHICH COULD SHFIT TO VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RES: BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, PANAMA, VENEZUELA, BOTSWANA, KENYA, MAURITIUS, NIGER, UPPER VOLTA, OMAN, QATAR, FRANCE, GREECE, NORWAY.

9. ABSTENTIONS WHICH COULD SHFIT TO VOTE AGAINST FREINDLY RES: GUYANA, PERU, CAMEROON, ZAIRE, KUWAIT, AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN.

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10. COMMENT: ROK MINISTER HAM HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT ROK ESTIMATES SUPPLIED FROM FIELD TO SEOUL TEND TO ERR IN DIRECTION OF OVER OPTIMISM. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP FELT IT USEFUL, THEREFORE, TO PREPARE MOST CONSERVATIVE POSSIBLE VOTING ESTIMATE IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY CLEARLY LOBBYING TARGETS.

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